By DAVID CHRISTIE MURRAY, Author of "Joseph's Coat," etc.

turn, and that's an invention of my own. If you get that into it crack of a door, and give just the cleast little bit of presand give just the cleast little bit of pres-sure on the handles, the door ims got to be pretty soundly locked or barred if it doesn't fly. I had that little article with me on the day when the Legge case came practically to an end; and I hap-pened to have it about me now because a tall of mine, who has gone in for electro-

"This man Legge was an American. He came from Albany, and he was a very well-bred, well-educated man, I He came from Albany, and he was a very well-bred, well-educated man. I made his acquaintance by more hazard one evening, when I was getting a chop at the Horseshoe Tavern, at the bottom of the Tottenham Court Road. I forget now what set us talking to each other, but I took a fancy to him, and, if I may say so, he seemed to take a fancy to me. We had quite a long pow-wow that very first night, and I got to know him very well later on. We used to meet from time to time for months before it over occurred to me that there was the faintest chance in the world of my having to run him through my hands professionally. Of course, it's part of a detective's duty to hold his tongue about himself and his own business, and poor Legge had no more notion of what I was than I had about the truth with regard to him.

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"We got to be quite chummy together, and one night we happened to be passing his lodgings, and he asked me in.

"I should like to introduce you to my wife, says he, and he made some joke about my, having been his excuse for late hours once or twice. That did not make me very much more willing to face the lady, but Legge was rather pressing, and I went in. I don't know that I ever took a greater fancy to a new acquaintance in my life than I did to that little woman.

"She was just as good as gold to look at—a pretty little creature, about thirty, I should guess, but with regular, child-like ways and a sort of an innocent, trusting charm about her which took hold on a man's fancy at once.

"There was one thing about Legge that I ought, perhaps, to have told you of already. He was very gay and chirpy and American, and he was full of smart, pappy sayings, and on the whole you would call him a very happy dispositioned

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This is the experience Stringer gave mo that afternoon, and I do not mean to use a story-teller's privilege in the narration of it. I will let Stripger take the floor and speak for himself. I cannot pretend to have reported him verbalim, but there is no need at least to embelish his facts, and I will keep as close to his manner of telling them as I can. "

"You want the most dramatic thing I was ever in for? Well, I don't know where to choose, but perhaps the Legge case will do as well as anything."

Stringer produced from his pocket a small steel instrument, which I took at first sight for a pair of pilyers but when I came to examine it, I found it had actually the reverse action.

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I "Now, mind you, you wouldn't think a police officer of my experience had a got much sympathy left inside him, but when I was set on to poor Legge I felt real mean. Of course, I'd got to do my duty. It came about in the coldest sort of way.

I lie was a wonderfully spick and span sort of a Johnny. It wasn't that he was quite what you'd call a dandy, but he was always brushed and groomed to a nicely; and it was that as much as anything which made me notice very particularly one day that he had a smear of mud on his coat sleeve. It wasn't quite like mud either—it had dried white and hard, and I took hold of his sleeve between my thufnh and finger to look at it.

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"'How did you come by that, Mr.
Legge?' said I.

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"He looked down at his sleeve, and he fell into the queerest kind of confusion. He began to rub at the smear with his gloved hand, and he metended to be awfully busy about it, but I could be awfully busy about it, but I could be a because the beautiful to be a second to be a with his gloved band, and he metended to be awfully busy about it, but I could see that he was curiously upset, and, of course, I hadn't the ghost of a notion why. He brushed and brushed until he got rid of the last trace of the smear, and then he made some excuse for getting away, and left me. That was the beginning of the business. I didn't take much notice of, it at the time: but I dorpped in, oh Legge's invitation, to smoke a pipe with him, a night or two later, and there, on the table cloth there was just such another smear as I'd seen on his coat. It was, plaster of Paris. Now you can't follow a detective's business for any length of time without getting into a curious prying sort of way. I began to ask myself—what a man like Legge wanted to be messing about with plaster of Paris for.

I'd always taken him for a man of independent means. He was never very dashy with his money, but he was fairly well provided. We'd been pretty familiar with each other, but he'd never dropped the least hint as to any sort of occupation, or even any little amateur work that might have explained that plaster of Paris.

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"About a week after this I was sent for to the Yard, and my chief told me there was a whole mass of complaints coming in about the circulation of base money. There was a half-crown in circulation all over the country, and it was certainly the best imitation I ever saw. The old-fashioned faise money was such dufting goods that you really wondered how anybody ever

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mistake for anything cise in the world, and of course there wasn't a sign of a ring in it. But the new stuff had a clean, bright look, it had a very good ring, and a very well-milled edge. And the only thing that renly gave it away was its want of weight. If you had a little handful of the colins it was quite any to tell the difference between them and the right stuff.

"Now if i'd never seen those two smears of plaster of Parls I don't suppose that I should have thought at all of associating Legge with the business, for anybody may chance to have a single bad half-crown about him. But poor Legge offered one of these half-crowns in my presence, and of course, I spotted it in a lifty.

"I picked up the coin, had a glance at it, and remarked to Legge that It looked a bit off color. He was one of the last men in the world who ought the core is a single were to have gone in for a criminal life, for he was just as easily scared as a girl. He was all over nerves. He went all wrong about that half-crown. In the tried actually to bluster about it, and to swear that the coli was a perfectly good one; but that was only to hide his confusion. He fished out a handful of good money, and he took up the half-crown he had tended, and said he'd have it examined; but he was perfectly gure that I was wrong about it. "You may be certain that I didn't like."

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Legge had tried to pass that coin with
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brother at the same game; and from
that day to the end of the whole business
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eyer, and now and then we'd exchange a word or two together, just by way of making believe, I suppose, that we didn't know what was really at the bottom of

making believe, I suppose, that we didn't know what was really at the bottom of our own minds. And it was in the yery same bar where I first met him that he found out, by accident, what my line of business was. Another acquaintance saw us talking together and came up and joined us.

He was a blundering idlot of a fellow, and he began straightway to talk to me about my professional affairs. But the very minute he let out what my business was, little Leggie went like a corpse, and if I hadn't put my arm round him, he'd have dropped to the floor. He shook me off with a strange anger, as if I had insuited him by laying a hand on him; but the quivered like an aspen leaf, and it wasn't until he had had two goes of, neat brandy that he even began to pull himself together.

"All this time I was following up the business of the false haff-crowns, and I was worrying out Legge. I'd known the man very intimately indeed, as I've told you already, but really I had no knowledbe at all of his affairs. I didn't know how he put in his time. I didn't know what source he drow his income from, and I began to be nasty and suspicious in my mind about him. I kept on telling myself that I was attaching a downright rideulous importance to that smear of plaster on Legge's sloove, and that companion smear on the table cloth at his home. But I couldn't dissociate from him if my own mind the fact that plaster of Paris is used in the making of the matrix for false coin, and, though I hadn't any reason to suspect Legge of being up to that game, I might never have bowled him over if I hadn't been for that iden getting such a hold upon me.

"There was a highly respectable tradesman who turned out to be mixed up with

men who turned out to be mixed up with this job. I found out that Legge and he had a familiar knowledge of each other. I had been shadowing Legge stready, nine-tenths hoping—to tell the solid truth—that I should have to confess myself, a fool for having taken the trouble. I didn't a bit want to prove the man guility. I didn't, I think, in my heart really believe that he was so. But I'd got to go into the thing, and there really seemed to be a sort of fate in the way in which I was forced, as It were, to fasten a watch on that man on such an absurdly slender ground. But the puzzle began to fit in when I found out that Legge and my Holborn tradesman were as thick tiggether as they proved to be. The man was using a respectable and legitimate business as a shelter for this nefarious trade, and it was his business to disseminate the coin. He passed none of it even on to the Continent.

"It soon became clear that the false coin was being made by Legge, and that this was his source of lincome. Then a very curious thing came out. He professed to be a mere lodger, and there was a woman in charge of the house, of whom he had always spoken to me as his landlady. There were four or five other lodgers in the house, but Legge was really the sole tenant, and all these men were his confederates.

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"They had the completest fit-out of a plant the upper rooms of the house that was ever seen. But how they had carried on their operations so long without exciting the suspicion even of the neighbors is more than I can understand.

"Woll, the time came when I had to make my descent on poor old Legge, and I naver liked a job less in all my experience. The thought of that poor little woman fairly got hold of me. Mind you, there was no room for the shadow of a doubt that she knew all about the business. She couldn't have lived in that house without knowing what was going on, and if ever there had been a question the sequel put it out of existence. I had the house without knowing what was going on, and if ever there had been a question the sequel put it out of existence. I had the house surrounded, and I went is with a sergeant and two men. Directly we presented ourselves at the door, the landardy, as they called her, made a frantic bolt upstnirs, shrioking 'Police! Police!' and calling out that the house was radded. I caught her before she reached the hoad of the stairs. But a door was banged, and I heard the key turn in the look in Legges sitting-room. I went to the door, and I knocked on it with this little implement you see in my hand, and I heard Mrs. Legge ask who was there. I told her who I was by name, and she said some ridculous excited thing about not being able to see me at that time of the hight. I called to her in the King's name to open, and just as I spoke, bang bang! went two shots behind the door, and in went. There was poor Legge stone dead, with a built hole right in the low, on the proper shows, and the shots and cries had alarmed the gang upstairs. They showed no fight, but full canno was full of snoke, and the shots and cries had alarmed the gang upstairs. They showed no fight, but full canno was full of snoke, and the shots and cries had alarmed the gang upstairs. They showed no fight, m

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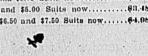
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